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A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

An assignment of the invention to <u>BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u> is filed herewith.

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Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.--

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